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SUBJECT: GULF: CABINET CHANGE LIKELY TO CAUSE
FURTHER DELAY

REF: LIMA 3947

1. IN ADDITION TO OTHER CAUSES FOR DELAY IN GULF SETTLEMENT TO WHICH WE HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED, REPLACEMENT OF FINANCE MINISTER BARUA MAY FURTHER IMPETE PROGRESS TOWARD RESOLUTION OF CASE. WE CAN ENVISION NEW MINISTER, WALTER PIAZZA, TAKING SEVERAL WEEKS TO MAKE HIMSELF AU COURANT WITH MAJOR ISSUES OF HIS NEW POSITION.

2. WITH THIS IN MIND ECON OFF MAY 18 SPOKE WITH FINANCE VICE-MINISTER KEIL AND MINISTRY LAWYER SERGIO MONTERO AND REQUESTED THAT THEY BRING GULF CASE TO PIAZZA'S ATTENTION AS MATTER OF MOST URGENT PRIORITY. BOTH AGREED TO DO SO.

3. BOTH KEIL AND MONTERO NOTED THAT ENERGY AND MINES MINISTRY HAD NOT YET PROVIDED THEM (DESPITE INFO REFTEL)

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WITH THE NUMBER OF THE MINISTERIAL RESOLUTION (TO BE ISSUED BY ENERGY AND MINES) WHICH APPROVES THE VALUATION OF THE EXPROPRIATED ASSETS. THEY ASSURED ECON OFF THAT ONCE THIS INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED THEY COULD TAKE DRAFT DECREE LAW TO THE NEW MINISTER FOR HIM TO PLACE BEFORE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. ECON OFFICER REQUESTED THAT THEY

ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN MINISTERIAL RESOLUTION NUMBER
FROM ENERGY AND MINES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. ECON OFF THEN ATTEMPTED TO REACH ACTING VICE-
MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINES GAMARRA, TO REQUEST
THAT HE GIVE FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIALS THE
NECESSARY RESOLUTION NUMBER. GAMARRA WAS OUT
OF OFFICE UNTIL LATER AFTERNOON MAY 18. ECONOFF
WILL TRY AGAIN TO SPEAK WITH HIM AT THAT TIME.

5. ECON OFFICER PASSED ABOVE INFORMATION TO
FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL WHO IS MEMBER OF FOREIGN
MINISTER'S ADVISORY GROUP AS WELL AS MINISTRY'S
ACTION OFFICER ON CCC CREDITS (THUS GIVING HIM
VESTED INTEREST IN SEEING MOVEMENT ON GULF).
ECONOFF REQUESTED THIS CONTACT SPEAK WITH
GAMARRA TO MAKE LATTER AWARE OF FOREIGN MINISTRY'S
INTEREST IN PROMPT RESOLUTION OF GULF MATTER AND
TO ASK HIM TO FORWARD INFORMATION TO FINANCE
MINISTRY. CONTACT AGREED TO DO SO.

6. LOCAL GULF LAWYER RAUL FERRERO JR. (RAUL
FERRERO SR. WITH WHOM WE HAD BEEN WORKING ON
CASE, PASSED AWAY LATE APRIL) AT REQUEST OF
GULF/CORAL GABLES CALLED ECON OFF A.M. MAY 18
TO DISCUSS STEPS HE COULD TAKE TO MOVE DECREE
LAW FORWARD. ECON OFF ADVISED HIM OF ABOVE
DEVELOPMENTS AND NOTED THAT FERRERO'S DEMONSTRATION
OF INTEREST AT THE VARIOUS MINISTRIES WOULD BE
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HELPFUL IN GETTING THEM TO TAKE ACTION. DEAN

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